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REMARKS

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1. The headquarters for the entire troop training grounds was located in Mimón (Niemes O 51/F 95) until September 1951. The former SS Kaserne on Prazska ul. quartered the post headquarters. A divisional general was frequently seen there. The post administration and the military court were located in the former court building on Stalinovo nám., opposite the castle. The installations were guarded by military police who wore khaki uniforms without epaulets and white belts and had the letters PO on their left sleeves. A motorized infantry unit was quartered in eight low wooden buildings across from the railroad station. *
2. A three-story villa quartered a military headquarters and the post administration in Kurivody (Huehnerwasser, O 51/F 94) in February 1952. Colonel Prochazka (fnu) was commanding officer. A Major Snajdr (fnu) was also on duty there. Tank units wearing red berets were quartered in and around the town in February 1952. Two different types of tanks and armored scout cars mounting machine guns or light guns were seen.
3. Soldiers wearing red service color and flame insignia were quartered in the woods about 1,000 meters southeast of Kurivody. The soldiers carried flame throwers on their back. Signal troops were quartered in a forest about 3 km. northwest of Kurivody and in the Skelna Hut (glass works) 3 km. north of Kurivody.
4. A military penal unit was located in a camp in Hvezdov. A training center for motorized artillery and AAA units was also located in this camp. A light automatic four-wheel AA gun with a four-man crew was seen there. The headquarters was located in the Lidovy Dum inn. Captain Martinec (fnu) was attached to this headquarters as political officer. 1

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5. A stud farm was located near the administrative office for military forests in Svehorice (Schwabitz, O 51/C 05). Soldiers seen there wore red-black service color and horse head insignia.
6. The headquarters of engineer units quartered in Straz pod Ralskem (Wartenberg, O 51/F 95), Hamr (Hammer, O 51/C 05), Brehyne and Loksy (Hirschberg, O 51/F 94) was located in Brehyne (O 51/F 94). The engineer units received training on the lakes in Machovo Jezero (O 51/F 94), Brehynsky Rybnik (O 51/F 94), Marierske Jezero (O 51/C 05) and Strazske Jezero (O 51/F 95). Water training involving motorboats, pneumatic rafts and pontoons of iron and wood and the construction of temporary bridges made of barrels and other emergency construction material was last observed in September 1951.
7. A newly constructed wooden building in the woods near Bohatice (Voitsdorf, O 51/F 95) quartered a pyrotechnic unit (sic) wearing black service color and mine insignia. Major Frantisek Bulir, who was also chairman of the local KSC (Czech CP) group, was commanding officer.

25X1 1 Comment. This information supplements previous information on the Mon-Kurivody troop training grounds which was used by various divisions. The 51st Technical Auxiliary Bn stationed in Hvezdov was committed to maintenance work on the installations.

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